(c) Electrification of all households of Madhya Pradesh has been targeted by 2012.

Coal and Hydro Power Projects

†1661. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new power projects, based on coal/hydro power, proposed to be started;

(b) whether any of these projects would be started in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) 114 power projects (68 Thermal, 44 hydro and 2 nuclear) comprising, of 25417 MW thermal, 14393 MW hydro and 1300 MW of nuclear have been envisaged for completion during the Tenth Plan.

(b) and (c) During the Tenth Plan, capacity addition of 1320 MW in the Central Sector and 135 MW in the Private Sector has been envisaged for the State of Bihar. At present, Kahalgaon STPP St. II Phase-I (2x500 MW) is under construction in the Central Sector.

Average cost of power production

1662. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average cost of produce power per kilowatt/hour by various distributor companies in India;

(b) whether the power distribution companies in India are charging Rs. 5 per unit when the cost of producing power is not more than Rs. 3 per unit (kilo-watt-hours);

(c) whether Government is aware that most of the power distribution companies are charging fuel adjustment charge, surcharge, cess and other taxes due to which the consumers have to pay very heavy charges;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce the power charges in various States including NCT; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to the Report of Planning Commission on the Working of the SEBs the average cost of payment for purchase of power from various sources by State utilities for the year 2001-02 was estimated to be Rs. 1.94 per kwh and average tariff for sale of electricity was Rs. 2.40 per kwh.

(c) to (e) Consumer tariffs are being decided by State Regulatory Commissions in accordance with provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and after hearing the views of all the stake-holders including generating companies/utilities and consumers in transparent manner.

Generation of power from different sources

1663. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generated from different sources in the country, State-wise, year-wise from 1999-2003;

(b) the total power consumed in the country, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the States which have more power shortages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry of Power to meet these power shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The details of State-wise/Year-wise electricity generation in the country from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 are given in the Statement I *(See* below*)*.

(b) The details of State-wise power consumed by the ultimate consumers in the country for the years 1999-2000 to 2001-02 are given in the Statement II *(See* below*)*.

(c) The details of State-wise/Year-wise power supply position in the country from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 are given in the Statement III *(See* below*)*.